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farm sizes declined in some of the sales classes partially due to smaller farms moving up to higher sales classes.

This report also contains estimates of farm numbers and land in farms for **Puerto Rico**. The number of farms with sales of \$1,000 or more in Puerto Rico was 10,400 in 2010, unchanged from 2009. Land in farms, at 450,000 acres, is unchanged from the previous year. The average farm size in Puerto Rico in 2010 was estimated at 43 acres.

FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS – 2010

The number of farms and ranches in Colorado in 2010 totaled 36,100, down 100 operations from a year earlier. The percent change and the Colorado number of agricultural operations for each sales class was as follows: \$1,000 - \$9,999, remained unchanged at 19,500 farms; \$10,000 - \$99,999, remained unchanged at 11,300 farms; \$100,000 - \$249,000, decreased 11 percent to 2,400 farms; \$250,000 - \$499,999, up 9 percent to 1,200 farms; and \$500,000 and over, up 6 percent to 1,700 farms. The total land in farms decreased 100,000 acres to 31.2 million acres but the average farm size decreased one acre from the previous year to 864 acres in 2010.

The number of farms and ranches in the United States in 2010 is estimated at 2.2 million, virtually unchanged from 2009. Total land in farms, at 920.0 million acres, increased 100 thousand acres from 2009. The average farm size is 418 acres, unchanged from the previous year. Farm numbers and land in farms are broken down into five economic sales classes. Farms and ranches are classified into these "sales classes" by summing their sales of agricultural products and government program payments. Sales class breaks occur at \$10,000, \$100,000, \$250,000, and \$500,000.

Farm numbers increased slightly in the \$1,000-\$9,999 and \$500,000 and over sales classes. Higher commodity prices and larger value of sales contributed to changes in the number of farms within these sales classes. Farm numbers increased 0.1 percent, to 1.23 million farms, in the \$1,000 - \$9,999 sales class. Meanwhile, the number of farms in the \$500,000 and over sales class increased by 1.6 percent, to 126,720 farms.

Land in farms increased in the largest sales class while decreasing in all other sales classes. Land operated by farms in the \$500,000 & over sales class increased 3.4 percent, to 298.9 million acres. Land operated by farms with \$1,000-\$9,999 in sales decreased by 0.6 percent, to 105.0 million acres. The average farm size was unchanged in 2010. However, average

Farms and Land in Farms, Colorado and United States, 2005-2010

Year	Number of Farms ^{1/}		Land in Farms ^{1/}	
	Colorado	United States	Colorado	United States
	Number		Thousand Acres	
2005	30,500	2,098,690	31,100	927,940
2006	30,700	2,088,790	31,300	925,790
2007	36,900	2,204,950	31,400	921,460
2008	36,500	2,200,100	31,300	919,910
2009	36,200	2,200,210	31,300	919,890
2010	36,100	2,200,930	31,200	919,990

^{1/} A farm is any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year.

Number of Farms and Land in Farms by Economic Sales Class, Colorado, 2009-2010

Economic Sales Class	Farms		Land in Farms	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
	Number		1,000 acres	
\$ 1,000 - \$9,999	19,500	19,500	2,600	2,600
\$ 10,000 - \$99,999	11,300	11,300	9,400	9,400
\$100,000 - \$249,999	2,700	2,400	5,800	5,000
\$250,000 - \$499,999	1,100	1,200	5,400	5,700
\$500,000 & over	1,600	1,700	8,100	8,500

Number of Farms and Land in Farms by Economic Sales Class, United States, 2009-2010

Economic Sales Class	Farms		Land in Farms	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
	Number		1,000 acres	
\$ 1,000 - \$9,999	1,229,400	1,230,800	105,580	104,980
\$ 10,000 - \$99,999	597,080	594,850	226,900	223,430
\$100,000 - \$249,999	149,390	149,050	147,900	146,060
\$250,000 - \$499,999	99,570	99,510	149,385	146,685
\$500,000 & over	124,770	126,720	289,137	298,835

POTATO STOCKS - FEBRUARY 1, 2011

Colorado's growers and commercial storage facilities in the San Luis Valley had 11.4 million hundredweight of potatoes on hand as of February 1, 2011, down 7 percent from the 12.2

million hundredweight on hand one year earlier. The latest stocks represented 53 percent of the 21.53 million hundredweight produced in 2010. The February 1, 2010 stocks represented 55 percent of the 22.08 million hundredweight of potatoes produced in 2009. Sales of Colorado's fall potatoes for table stock have averaged 68 percent of the production for the 2005-2009 period. The remaining 32 percent of production is used for seed, processing, feed and home use or is lost through cullage and shrinkage. The total quantity of potatoes sold as a percent of production has averaged about 86 percent over the past five years.

The **13 major potato States** held 176 million hundredweight of potatoes in storage February 1, 2011, down 14 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 50 percent of the 2010 fall storage States' production, three percentage points below February 1, 2010. Klamath Basin stocks totaled 2.50 million hundredweight on February 1, 2011, down 11 percent from a year ago. Klamath Basin stocks include potatoes stored in California and Klamath County, Oregon.

Potato disappearance, at 176 million hundredweight, was 3 percent below February 1, 2010. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 16.6 million hundredweight, was down 12 percent from the same date in 2010. Processors in the 9 major States have used 91.9 million hundredweight of potatoes this season, up 1 percent from the same period last year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 13.6 million hundredweight of the total processing, down 20 percent from last year.

**Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks
February 1, 2009-2010 ^{1/}**

State	Crop of 2009		Crop of 2010	
	Prod.	Stocks Feb. 1, 2010	Prod.	Stocks Feb. 1, 2011
	1,000 Cwt		1,000 Cwt	
California	3,960	1,300	2,280	1,200
Colorado.....	22,080	12,200	21,528	11,400
Idaho	132,500	78,500	114,440	64,000
Maine	15,263	9,300	15,892	9,300
Michigan.....	15,660	5,300	15,660	5,900
Minnesota	20,700	9,900	17,010	8,400
Montana	3,298	3,200	3,673	3,400
Nebraska.....	8,756	4,100	7,719	3,400
New York	4,950	1,400	5,120	1,200
North Dakota	19,125	9,000	22,000	10,300
Oregon	21,460	12,900	20,058	12,700
Washington	87,230	42,000	81,740	33,800
Wisconsin.....	28,980	14,400	24,293	10,700
13 States.....	383,962	203,500	351,413	175,700
Klamath Basin ^{1/}.....	(NA)	2,800	(NA)	2,500

^{1/} Includes potato stocks in California and Klamath County, Oregon.
(NA) Not available

COUNTY ESTIMATES- 2010

The Colorado Field Office of USDA's National Agriculture Statistics Service (NASS) announces the publication of 2010

county estimates of acreage and production for the major crops in Colorado. The estimates are published on the NASS website, www.nass.usda.gov, under Quick Stats, State and County Data. County estimates for additional states are also available.

County estimates for small grains, including wheat and barley, were published on February 18, 2011. Row crops such as corn, sorghum and sunflowers are to be released February 28, 2011. NASS will publish county estimates for hay on April 15, dry beans and sugarbeets on July 1 and potatoes on October 7. County estimates for Cattle will be published on May 6.

**MILK PRODUCTION
JANUARY 2011**

Milk production in **Colorado** during January of 2011 totaled 243 million pounds, up slightly from last year. The average number of cows for January at 123,000 head remained unchanged from the last year. Production per cow averaged 1,975 pounds for the month of January, 2 percent above January 2010.

Milk production in the **23 major States** during January totaled 15.2 billion pounds, up 2.7 percent from January 2010. December revised production at 15.0 billion pounds, was up 2.7 percent from December 2009. The December revision represented a decrease of 17 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,813 pounds for January, 29 pounds above January 2010. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.40 million head, 82,000 head more than January 2010, and 14,000 head more than December 2010.

Milk Cows and Milk Production – Colorado

Item	Jan. 2010	Dec. 2010	Jan. 2011
Milk Cows (1,000 head) ^{1/}	116	123	123
Milk Per Cow (lbs.) ^{2/}	1,930	1,985	1,975
Production (mil. lbs.) ^{2/}	224	244	243

^{1/} Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.
^{2/} Excludes milk sucked by calves.

**MILK PRODUCTION
ANNUAL 2010**

Colorado's total output of milk during 2010 totaled 2.81 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2.84 billion pounds produced during 2009. The annual total for 2010 marks the eighth consecutive year that production has exceeded two billion pounds.

The production in the **23 major States** of milk cows for 2010 was 193 billion pounds, 1.8 percent above 2009. Revisions to 2009 production increased the annual total 14 million pounds. Revised 2010 production was up 93 million pounds from last month's publication. Production per cow in the United States averaged 21,149 pounds for 2010, 576 pounds above 2009. The average annual rate of milk production per cow has increased 16.4 percent from 2001. The average number of milk cows on farms in the United States during 2010 was 9.12

million head, down 0.9 percent from 2009. The average number of milk cows was revised up 2,000 head for 2009.

**Annual Milk Production,
Colorado and United States, 2008-2010**

Item	2008	2009	2010
Colorado			
Milk Cows (1,000 head) ^{1/}	128	123	119
Milk Per Cow (lbs.) ^{2/}	22,930	23,081	23,664
Production (mil. lbs.) ^{2/}	2,935	2,839	2,816
United States			
Milk Cows (1,000 head) ^{1/}	9,315	9,203	9,117
Milk Per Cow (lbs.) ^{2/}	20,395	20,573	21,149
Production (mil. lbs.) ^{2/}	189,982	189,334	192,819

^{1/} Average number during year, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

^{2/} Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Colorado and U.S. data from most of the following reports will appear in subsequent issues of AG UPDATE. However, those who have an immediate need for the data may call this office after 1:15 P.M. on the day of release - toll free 1-800-392-3202. The complete USDA report is also available on the Worldwide Web at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov>

- Mar. 10 - Crop Production
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**COLD STORAGE
JANUARY 31, 2011**

United States frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on January 31, 2010 were greater than year earlier levels for cheese and eggs. Butter stocks were up 46 percent from last month but down 29 percent from a year ago. Total red meat supplies were up 8 percent from both the previous month and last year. Total frozen poultry supplies on January 31, 2011 were up 4 percent from the previous month and up 11 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were down 3 percent from the previous month but up 23 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 4 percent from last month and 11 percent from January 31, 2010. Frozen pork supplies were up 14 percent from the previous month and up 10 percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were up 1 percent from last month but down 4 percent from last year

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Stocks in Storage, United States

Commodity	Jan. 31, 2010	Dec 30, 2010	Jan 31, 2011
1,000 Pounds			
Butter	168,092	81,695	118,926
Cheese, total natural.....	981,608	1,047,926	1,051,724
Eggs, frozen	24,340	25,357	26,787
Poultry, total frozen.....	935,104	996,859	1,036,268
Chicken	630,249	802,794	778,259
Turkey	935,104	996,859	1,036,268
Fruits, frozen.....	1,225,951	1,165,123	1,059,651
Fruit Juices, frozen	1,628,009	1,165,564	1,191,578
Vegetables, total frozen ...	2,315,027	2,354,112	1,103,096
Potatoes, total frozen.....	1,091,266	1,018,905	1,090,295
Meats, total red.....	938,370	939,864	1,017,900
Beef, total frozen.....	426,259	444,963	460,238
Pork, total frozen.....	492,287	475,829	540,908

Data for this report are collected from public and private refrigerated warehouses storing commodities for 30 days or more. Stocks in space owned or leased by the Armed Forces are excluded. Food stocks held under bond are included in the storage data.

UPCOMING REPORTS